

I believe it is very important to restrict the ownership of media. The issue of having fewer companies controlling some or all of the media in one or markets presents multiple problems. Many have looked at the economic ramifications and benefits to such a situation. However, the political influence such a situation presents is of equal or greater threat to the public interest. It may be hard to quantify what represents diversity and what doesn't. But the most important thing is to preserve as much diversity and as little potential control as possible.

Some have made the argument that in certain markets and similar situations, undue influence has not been a problem. However, I believe the job of the government here should be to protect against the creation of an environment that could lead to a threat to the public interest. Just because someone hasn't taken advantage of a situation, does not prevent it from happening in the future, as we are all now aware.

This country has achieved it's status mainly because of it's diversity as well as it's liberties. We must protect that diversity and freedom at all costs.

Please do not allow the creation of an opportunity of the slightest chance that someone or some organization might use the media against the public good.

Already I believe the consumer has suffered from the consolidation of just the radio broadcast industry. It seems clear that this is is a general direction for consolidation of other media as well.